

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7153–S7206

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5249–5263, and S. Res. 871–873. **Pages S7199–S7200**

Measures Reported:

S. 1143, to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation. (S. Rept. No. 117–256)

S. 1316, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to make a declaration of a significant incident, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–257)

S. 4654, to amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–258)

H.R. 7211, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, review a final rule of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 117–259)

S. 3278, to protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to require child-resistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3429, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3533, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to improve the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with an amendment.

S. 4246, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program to provide grants related

to advance air mobility infrastructure, with amendments.

S. 4293, to prevent unfair and deceptive acts or practices and the dissemination of false information related to pharmacy benefit management services for prescription drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7198–99**

Measures Passed:

Lance Corporal Dana Cornell Darnell VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5943, to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Greenville, South Carolina, as the "Lance Corporal Dana Cornell Darnell VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7185**

Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 872, recognizing Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Day on December 14, 2022. **Page S7185**

Authorizing the Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 873, to authorize the production of records by the Secretary of the Senate and the Senate Sergeant at Arms. **Pages S7185–86**

Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act: Senate passed S. 3429, to establish an Alaska Salmon Research Task Force, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 6523, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7186–87**

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Reauthorization Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5973, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7187–88**

END FENTANYL Act: Senate passed S. 4460, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7188**

Lobbying Disclosure Act: Senate passed S. 4893, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. **Page S7188**

Federal Emergency Management Agency: Senate passed H.R. 5343, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on case management personnel turnover of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7188**

Wasteful Federal Programs Reduction Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 2135, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Chief Operating Officer of each agency to compile a list of unnecessary programs, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7188–89**

Schumer (for Hassan) Amendment No. 6524, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7189**

No TikTok on Government Devices Act: Senate passed S. 1143, to prohibit certain individuals from downloading or using TikTok on any device issued by the United States or a government corporation. **Pages S7189–90**

Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1917, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7190**

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 6525, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7190**

Measures Failed:

Charter School Resolution: By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 390), Senate failed passage of S.J. Res. 60, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Final Priorities, Requirements, Definitions, and Selection Criteria-Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)-Grants to State Entities (State Entity Grants); Grants to Charter Management Organizations for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (CMO Grants); and Grants to Charter School Developers for the Opening of New Charter Schools and for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools (Developer Grants)”. **Pages S7153, S7153–62**

House Messages:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 7776, to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S7184**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer (for Manchin) Amendment No. 6513 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment), to provide for American energy security by improving the permitting process. **Page S7184**

Schumer Amendment No. 6515 (to Amendment No. 6513), to add an effective date. **Page S7184**

Schumer motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 6516, to add an effective date. **Page S7184**

Schumer Amendment No. 6517 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 6516), to modify the effective date. **Page S7184**

Schumer Amendment No. 6518 (to Amendment No. 6517), to modify the effective date. **Page S7184**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer (for Manchin) Amendment No. 6513 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, December 16, 2022. **Pages S7184–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer (for Manchin) Amendment No. 6513 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment). **Page S7185**

Prior to the consideration of this measure, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7184**

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment

of the House to S. 3846, to reauthorize the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.

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Small Business Cyber Training Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1687, to amend section 21 of the Small Business Act to require cyber certification for small business development center counselors.

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Johnson Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 15, 2022, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Musetta Tia Johnson, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for a term of fifteen years, that there be ten minutes of debate in the usual form on the nomination; and that at 12 noon, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, without intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 391), Francisco O. Mora, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

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Elizabeth Frawley Bagley, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—391)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:33 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7205.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 766 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

FTX

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine why the FTX bubble burst and the harm to consumers, including S. 4857, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require companies to file public reports after meeting certain quantitative thresholds, after receiving testimony from Hilary J. Allen, American University Washington College of Law, and Jennifer J. Schulp, Cato Institute Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives, both of Washington, D.C.; Kevin O'Leary, O'Shares, Toronto, Ontario; and Ben McKenzie Schenkkan, Los Angeles, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 4439, to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe.

ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving access to capital in underserved communities, focusing on the Community Advantage program, microloans, and other Small Business Administration initiatives, including S. 5102, to authorize the Community Advantage Loan Program of the Small Business Administration, S. 5022, to allow recipients of certain loans made or guaranteed by the Small Business Administration to use the loan proceeds to provide childcare services to employees, and S. 1587, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in the loan programs of the Small Business Administration, after receiving testimony from Jon Gaines, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, Milwaukee; Nick Schwellenbach, Project On Government Oversight, Washington, D.C.; Robert Villarreal, Momentum Capital and CDC Small Business Finance, Chula Vista, California; and Annemarie Murphy, First Bank of the Lake, Greenville, South Carolina.